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Nobuaki YAGI, et al.)	Confirmation No.: 6809
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Application No.: 10/519,194)	Group Art Unit: 3721
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Filed: December 22, 2004)	Examiner: M. Lopez
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For: LOCK MECHANISM OF TABLE)	Mail Stop Amendment
OF ELECTRIC STAPLER)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by § 1.17(p).

The items of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) were cited in a Search Report by the European Patent Office dated September 6, 2005 in a counterpart

European application. A copy of the Office Action and cited references are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

The Search Report from the European Patent Office cited EP 1112824 which was previously filed on December 22, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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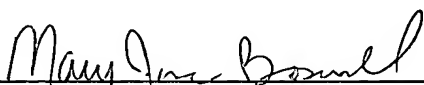
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Respectfully submitted,

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